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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

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Terry Waite, Terry Anderson, and Jesse Turner are currently being held captive in a small rectangular, brown dirty prison with dirt floors and located between the areas of "Maksah" and "Al Marj" in the Beqaa Valley. See "X" at ENCLOSURE 1. The prison facility is normally used as a temporary holding area. The surrounding area was described as brown, rocky, dry and desolate desert land. "Qa'ar Rim" and "Dahr al Qissisiyah" located north of the holding area, are used by the captors as communications center and logistical support bases. "Qa'ar Rim" is the more important of the two; it maintains radio contact with Beirut as well as with Teheran (via code in the latter case). The area designated as "Ablah" will be the last location to harbor the hostages (Waite/Anderson/Turner). It is anticipated these three hostages will be flown to Teheran from Riyaq Airfield and subsequently released from Teheran. Terry Waite, at his own insistence, will not be among the first to be released despite the apparent, favorable, ongoing negotiations pursued on his behalf. Waite insists on not being freed until such time as all other hostages have been liberated. The Shiites would prefer freeing Waite first on humanitarian grounds in view of a stomach ailment reportedly being experienced by Waite. All three hostages are aware of one another's presence. Waite and Turner are in decent physical condition. Anderson appears physically and troubled with leg problems; he is gaining strength.

Joseph Cicippio and Alann Steen seems to be in continuing

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poor condition, in a "near vegetable state"; their limbs, particularly their legs are weak and rubbery from disuse and lack of exercise. They are located in the vicinity of "As Sahah" and are intermittently driven around in a van by the captors who are looking for a suitable, final place to dump them. They will be dumped in about six days and subsequently found by the Israelis (from Marun ar Ras). See ENCLOSURE 2.

Robert Polhill has not changed location; however he has been moved to the second floor. See "X" at ENCLOSURE 3. There is an improvement in his physical condition, but he remains quite ill. The mounting of a voice communication intercept from a nearby structure may be feasible in this case.

Rudolf Cordes, German national, Edward Tracy and Frank H. Reed along with about eight other hostages were to a new location found immediately south of Gharifah (ENCLOSURE 4). There is a small green and white school house with broken windows in the immediate area of the site.

USMC LTC William (Rich) Higgins is currently located in an office-type building sited immediately south of the designation "Sands Road". See ENCLOSURE 5. It was described as a "port of call"; LTC Higgins is in the company of Syrian officers in a cordial and friendly atmosphere. He is cleanly dressed, well-fed, and awaiting release.

Thomas Sutherland is located at the Beirut International Airport amid a series of structures that resemble aircraft hangars. See ENCLOSURE 6. During the course of this release, he will follow in the footsteps of LTC Higgins. However, LTC

Higgins will be released first and subsequently Sutherland will be released.

(NOTE: There is continuing tendency to confuse the identities and locations of Sutherland and Turner. Sutherland is appears to be located at the Beirut International Airport while Turner is with Waite and Anderson).

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Harry O

Are there any Hostages  
in B. Valley  
3 Hostages

Wait

Sutherland

Turne.

Anderson -

Shinle crazy making  
it sound like good will  
to let Wait on stomach  
ulcers -

They are receiving pressure  
en. mego. - They ~~exactly~~ look  
good -

~~Shinle don't give out over~~  
American

Wait will deny stomach  
problems so others can  
come out first

he can put pressure on  
Shutes if he stays.

(2)

he will say - prefers  
to stay -

he would expose them  
for lying -

~~Greg~~ sits in power -  
and will not move to  
in negotiations until hostages  
are released -

Do not worry of Sigis + Stein  
when we speak of it + put -

on paper = Vegas or Vegas  
they don't know what's  
going on or where they are -  
they are currently in  
that -

a dump will provide  
their release -

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(3)

When well <sup>injured</sup> S + Stein  
for 7 days <sup>damp</sup> + <sup>feet</sup> ~~feet~~ <sup>feet</sup> ~~feet~~  
 by Israelis.

Shutes are still with them  
 to make sure they are being  
 fed - + taken care of.

?? Name of Village  
 ? are at bubble?

Quarant

Status.

Waile - good, excellent  
 Sillbert - good sense of humor

~~Anderson.~~

Weak, trouble with legs.  
 gaining strength from Waile

W. A + S  
 currently at (Balkan)

Call, just call  
 feet - looked after regularly



④

Shutes know they must  
 see

settled area, village  
 village  
 outskirts of small  
 village -  
 captors can get them  
 water & food easily  
 heat is only problem  
 a prison, yes. (temporary  
 war holding area) - with  
 Bars.

Higgins

a waiting line IASTORA  
 release is pending - release  
 he is safe, secure - impatient  
 is at Mokey  
 Mok

Syrian control + then  
 Shutes will

5

Higgins

he is in an office  
awaiting for his release  
with Syrian soldiers

~~Ding~~

of rank of Col.

Dong

Sometimes plays cards  
Shaven, watered down -

↓

○

Pohill

upstairs now - in same house  
same place.

use buys in Chaitan Hotel

place he is staying has  
communication network

not quite in good health -

~~Reid~~

Reid, Cortes,

Arba

they wait silently -

they are near a school.

~~to~~ shutes take head count

Reid - quiet - questions nothing  
awful little by rules

⑥

Tracey - takes in more -  
observes more -

MAPS

Bakaw Valley

Sutherland

x ↘ Below bubbles.

Quar.  
↓

Shutes there - communication  
networks  
report into  
Rim

Above 1448

code.

with Beirut

main one is Rim

messages, logistics

- supplies coming from here.

Sands, brown, rocky, dry,  
desert land -

Structure square, dirt floor

Roof can blow off easily  
not tall not real short

People don't come here

① This complies with  
our rules - will show U.S. side  
our future

show final location  
of Waita - to be sent  
out. Abath

is final resting stage  
for Waita, Anderson -  
to fly to Iran.

Sutherland is in  
questions - he is strong  
enough to move -

Singapore - Stein

As na - he

today -

dump -

Marun ar - Ar's

Israel's defense force.

Looking for opportune time  
to dump.

⑧

Van is used.

About 6 days.

Cortes, Reid, Tracey,  
School - X

Gharifah ↗  
immediately South of  
the school - represents  
elementary.

3 to 4 room school

Green & white in color

Shiites have to travel out  
to receive information

they are going to Tehran too

~~Rehill + Turner~~

Same location but upstairs  
now.

Charlton Hotel - can watch this  
building - immediately South of  
Charlton Hotel.

Confirmed

②  
Turner

Confusion point  
between Turner + Sutherland

Turner with  
Walt + Anderson.

Sutherland -

moving -  
around hangars

Port of Call

Somebody is waiting here  
to pick up Higgins

Sands Road

Sutherland comes out

Same way as Higgins

but not with him.

Syrian officers, Syrian  
officers



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Higgins

put at Snake Rd  
today - heat offices -

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1. (S/NF/SK) MISSION: Determine current location of hostages being held in the Beqaa Valley. Identify the hostages and describe their physical and emotional status.

2. (S/NF/SK) VIEWER TASKING: Comply with mission tasking above; time permitting, update status of other US hostages in Lebanon.

3. (S/NF/SK) COMMENTS: No inclemencies noted. Hostages in Beqaa Valley identified and described; update provided on other hostages. Summary of Information is attached.

4. (S/NF/SK): EVALUATION:

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